

**PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERS COMMITTEE OF THE UNIFIED BOARD
OF THE DIVISION OF DESIGN PROFESSIONALS**

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERS
COMMITTEE**

DATE: 25 June 2008

PLACE: Department of Business Regulation

**1511 Pontiac Avenue, Building 69-2, Conference Room
A Cranston, RI 02911**

MEMBERS PRESENT: Messieurs: Bernardo, Smith, and Capezza, Jr.

OTHERS PRESENT: Brian M. Moore, PE Emeritus Member

Richard W. Bernstein, Esq.

Lois Marshall, Administrative Assistant

**CALLED TO ORDER: Chairman Bernardo called the meeting to order
at 12:00 PM to commence Board business.**

(1) NEW BUSINESS:

**Vice Chairman Smith made a motion to accept the minutes of the 23
April 2008 meeting. Secretary Capezza, Jr. seconded the motion.
Motion carried. Vice Chairman Smith made a motion to approve and
seal the minutes of the Executive Sessions of 23 April 2008.
Secretary Capezza, Jr. seconded the motion. Motion carried.**

(2) EXECUTIVE SESSION

Vice Chairman Smith made a motion at 12:44 PM to move into Executive Session pursuant to RI General Laws, Section §42-46(5)(a)(2) for sessions pertaining to collective bargaining or litigation and §42-46-5 (a) (4) for investigative proceedings regarding allegations of civil or criminal misconduct. Secretary Capezza, Jr. seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Vice Chairman Smith moved to adjourn from executive session and reconvene to open meeting at 1:05 PM pursuant to R.I.G.L. §42-46(5) (a) (2) and §42-46-5 (a) (4). Secretary Capezza, Jr. seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Vice Chairman Smith made a motion to seal the Minutes of the Executive Session and to record the vote taken in executive session in accordance with R.I.G.L. § 42-46(5) (a) (2) and §42-46-5 (a) (4) as follows. Secretary Capezza, Jr. made a motion to confirm in open session the vote to close P2008-5- Bryon Lewis vs. Scott Webb, PE/MPW Engineering, LLC. Mr. Moore seconded the motion. Motion carried.

(3) Election of Officers

Chairman Bernardo made a motion to elect L. Robert Smith, PE as Chairman, Nicholas W. Capezza, Jr., PE as Vice Chairman and Richard A. Bernardo, PE as Secretary effective at the next meeting.

Secretary Capezza, Jr. seconded the motion. Motion carried.

(4) Administrative Rules and Regulation updates

As a result of the passage of Bill H8076 this item is no longer under consideration.

(5) ELSE Proposal

Vice Chairman Smith made a motion to present to ELSE the fee of \$125 to proctor the FE exams and \$300 to proctor the PE exams if the Board was to pay for the rental of the exam location. Mr. Moore seconded the motion. Secretary Capezza Jr. voted nay. Chairman Bernardo voted nay. The motion failed. Vice Chairman Smith to meet with Director Marques for direction.

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(6) Correspondence from Sandra L. Skogen, Idearc Media Corp.

Ms. Skogen's correspondence requested to documentation of the law that states that a disclaimer for the Engineering Board must be placed in the Yellow Pages. Attorney Bernstein will contact Ms. Skogen on behalf of the Board.

(7) Bill H8076

Attorney Bernstein stated that Bill H8076 was supplanted by Article 9 in the budget articles and essentially took what Bill H8076 did and deleted subsection 5 and 6 and eliminated the Unified Board and restored the four committees to Boards.

(8) Correspondence sent to Attorney General Lynch

Chairman Bernardo had sent correspondence to the Attorney General's office asking clarification based upon guidance from Attorneys Bernstein and Dennehy. Attorney Coyne responded stating that the Attorney General's Office still did not believe that they should be representing the Boards since they are now a Division of the Department of Business Regulation. The new chair Mr. Smith will send a rebuttal to Attorney Coyne.

(9) Professional Engineering examination results for April 11, 2008

Vice Chairman Smith made a motion to accept the PE scores of 11 April 2008 from NCEES as required by the Board's signed contract with NCEES. Secretary Capezza, Jr. seconded the motion. Motion carried.

(10) Engineer-In-Training examination results for April 12, 2008

Vice Chairman Smith made a motion to accept the EIT scores of 12 April 2008 from NCEES as required by the Board's signed contract with NCEES. Secretary Capezza, Jr. seconded the motion. Motion carried.

(11) Roger Williams University

Vice Chairman Smith informed the Board that Mr. Potter, Dean of Engineering at Roger Williams University was apprising the Board that Roger Williams University had been approached to set up a

program with students from Saudi Arabia.

(12) Correspondence from Isao Idota, Executive Director of Japan Engineers Federation

Vice Chairman Smith made a motion to recommend to Mr. Idota that he contact NCEES about hyper linking with them since they are connected to all the state Boards. Secretary Capezza, Jr. seconded the motion. Motion carried.

(13) NCEES Engineering Award

So noted and filed.

(14) NCEES Examination Changes

So noted and filed.

(15) Correspondence from Perry Schweiss, President American Society of Highway Engineers

Chairman Bernardo recommends that the Board send correspondence to Mr. Schweiss stating that the Rhode Island Board is in agreement with the NCEES director.

(16) NCEES Model Law

So noted and filed.

(17) Discussion on Potential Motion from the Rhode Island Committee for the Annual Meeting

Vice Chairman Smith made a motion requesting that his fellow Board members support his motion to be presented at the Annual Meeting. Mr. Moore seconded the motion. Motion carried.

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(18) NCEES Draft Standard

So noted and filed.

APPLICATIONS:

(19) Alexander Vanderwell, PE

The Board reviewed Mr. Vanderwell's correspondence. The Board uses their application as a tool to determine whether or not an individual meets Rhode Island law. It was the Board's decision to have Mr. Vanderwell complete an application and submit it to the Board for review.

(20) Robert Johnson

The Board reviewed additional information received from the Illinois Board. Vice Chairman Smith made to motion to register Mr. Johnson in the Structural discipline. Secretary Capezza, Jr. seconded the motion. Motion carried.

(21) Gerald T. Wynne

Vice Chairman Smith made a motion to deny registration by comity to Mr. Wynne due to the fact that he does not meet the statutory requirements for registration under current law and to also notify the

Florida and Texas Boards. Mr. Wynne was denied comity because he took the PE examination more than four times. Secretary Capezza, Jr. seconded the motion. Motion carried.

P.E. COMITY:

Vice Chairman Smith made a motion to grant comity to the following individuals in the disciplines specified. Secretary Capezza, Jr. seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Alworth, Roger T. CA Struc. Katcha, Brian L. KS Elec.

Asp, Paul A. CO Struc. Konz, Paul D. MA Elec.

Baker, William F. IL Civil Lacroix, Simon ME Struc.

Bales, Hugh B. MA Mech. Lucero, Ramon E. CA Civil

Breen, Charles B. NY Mech. Lucio, Richard L. MN Elec.

Brown, Jason R. IA Civil Madden, Jeffrey M. PA Civil

Bustamante, Bernardo NY Civil Maglio, Michael NY Civil

Cappello, Matthew MO Mech. McHale, Keith J. VA Civil

Champagne, Kevin M. MA Struc. Middleton, Donald J. NY Mech.

Collins, Richard N. MI Civil Needham, Ernest A. MA Elec.

Cordeiro, Philip L. MA Civil Nelson, Erik A. NY Struc.

Cunningham, James L. PA Civil Nemeth, David L. OH Civil

Drouin, Joseph M. ME Civil Orsi, Allen R. MA Civil

Eaton, Jr., Charles E. CT Civil Pauling, Nicholas M. MA Civil

Eldridge, Kenneth J. CT Civil Rauvola, Stuart O. MN Elec.

Elwood, Noah J. NH Civil Reip, Dennis W. MA Struc.

Fitzgerald, Peter J. OH Elec. Roberts, David P. MA Mech.

Fuller, Kenneth A. NJ Mech. Rutila, Dean A. MI Civil

**Floyd, Scott O. MI Elec. Sander, Neil E. NJ Civil
Gayer, Andrew W. IL Struc. Smith, Jeremy R. VA Struc.
Gradwell, Raymond B. CT Civil Smith, Steven J. IL Civil
Harris, Jeffrey W. MN Mech. Smith, William B. TX Fire Protection
Hemke, Jacob P. MO Fire Protection Steinert, Nicholas E. OH Civil
Henry, John P. ME Civil Terrell, Ricky N. AR Mech.
Holt, James D. NC Civil Tyrell, Paul J. MA Civil
Jackson, David R. CT Mech. Wilson, Steven A. MD Elec.
Karski, Mark A. MA Fire Protection**

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PE EXAMINTION:

Vice Chairman Smith made a motion to admit the following individual to the October 2008 Professional Engineering examination. Secretary Capezza, Jr. seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Powers, Cari L.

PE EXAMINTION DENIED:

Vice Chairman Smith made a motion to deny the following individual to take the October 2008 Professional Engineering examination. . Secretary Capezza, Jr. seconded the motion. Motion carried. Mr. Karraz graduated from a NON-ABET accredited school and must first

take the Engineer-In-Training examination.

Neil G. Karraz

REINTSTATEMENT:

Vice Chairman Smith made a motion to reinstated Mr. Frederickson in the Civil and Mr. Scott in the Structural discipline pending payment of all back fees and penalties. Secretary Capezza, Jr. seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Frederickson, Steven R.

Scott, Theodore L.

E.I.T. NON-ABET 2-YEAR EXPERIENCE:

Mr. Moore made a motion to accept Mr. Wehbe's additional 2-year experience and issue his E.I.T. certificate. Secretary Capezza, Jr. seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Edgard Wehbe

C.O.A. APPLICATIONS;

Secretary Capezza, Jr. made a motion to approve the applications for Certificates of Authorization listed on the 25 June 2008 list for Corporations, COA'S renewing, and Soles as noted in the specific disciplines mentioned with the exception of (0), which were denied. Mr. Moore seconded the motion. Motion carried.

ADJOURNED:

Chairman Bernardo informed the Board that the next meeting would be scheduled for 16 July 2008 at 12:00 noon. Motion was made by Secretary Capezza, Jr. to adjourn the meeting at 1:47 PM. Motion seconded by Vice Chairman Smith. Motion carried.

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SOLES PAID COMMENTS

MUHAMMAD ALMAHAYNI, PE \$125 OK CIVIL & STRUCTURAL

GERALD ROBERDS, PE \$125 OK ELECTRICAL

PARTNERSHIPS

SZEWCZAK ASSOCIATES CONSULTING ENGS. \$125 OK CIVIL ONLY

LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY

INTERNATIONAL ENG. NETWORK, LLC -0- OK CIVIL

LINK ENGINEERING, LLC \$125 OK CIVIL

PUSTOLA & ASSOC. ENG/CONSTRUCTOR \$125 OK CIVIL

TJB ENGINEERING -0- OK CIVIL

CORPORATIONS

CONTECH BRIDGE SOLUTIONS, INC. \$125 OK CIVIL

DESTEFANO & CHAMBERLAIN, INC. \$125 OK STRUCTURAL

GIVEN AND ASSOCIATES, INC. \$125 OK MECHANICAL

JOHN MEYER CONSULTING, PC \$125 OK CIVIL

M ENGINEERING, INC. \$125 OK MECHANICAL ONLY

OUTBACK ENGINEERING, INC.. \$125 OK CIVIL

P.S.D. , INC. \$125 OK ELECTRICAL

POWER SERVICES & CONSULTING, INC. \$125 OK ELECTRICAL

ROBERT POSCH -0- OK MECHANICAL ONLY

SOUHEGAN VALLEY ENGINEERING, INC \$125 OK CIVIL

ARCADIS OF NEW YORK, INC. \$50 OK (NAME CHANGE)

COA # 5489 NAME CHANGE FROM BLASLAND, BOUCK & LEE, INC

ZACHRY ENGINEERING CORP. \$50 OK (NAME CHANGE)

COA #5853 NAME CHANGE FROM UTILITY ENGINEERING CORPORATION

POWER ENGINEERS, INCORPORATED OK

COA#5739 – ADD RESP.CHARGE JOHN T. MATTISON, III

WITHDRAWAL

**COA#4021 DESTEFANO ASSOCIATES (FROM SOLE TO CORP.)
OK**

**COA #1342 JOHN MEYER CONSULTING (FROM SOLE TO
CORP. OK**

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COA#1614 TJB ENGINEERING (FROM SOLE TO LLC) OK

UP FOR DENIAL –(No response to request for Good Standing)`

RENEWAL WITH DISCIPLINARY ACTION PAID COMMENTS

BSW INTERNATIONAL ENGINEERS, P.C HOLD

LANDINO, ROBERT A. OK

POST, BUCKLEY, SCHUH & JERNIGAN, INC. OK

REINSTATEMENT

APOGEE CONSULTING GROUP, P.A. \$50 OK

UP FOR DENIAL –(No response to request for Good Standing)`

